

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2670

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served February 26, 1985

Application of YOUNG S. KIM trading)
as WASHINGTON U.S. TOURS for a)
Certificate of Public Convenience)
and Necessity -- Charter Operations)

Case No. AP-85-01

Application of YOUNG S. KIM trading)
as WASHINGTON U.S. TOURS for)
Temporary Authority -- Charter)
Operations)

Case No. AP-85-02

By motion filed February 19, 1985, applicant seeks postponement of the hearing now scheduled for March 5, 1985, in these consolidated cases until March 26, 1985. The basis of the motion is that applicant's counsel, who was retained on January 28, 1985, needs the additional time requested in order properly to prepare for the hearing.

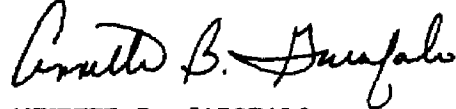
The applications are opposed by Beltway Limousine, Inc. ("Beltway") and Washington Tours, Inc., ("WTI"). Beltway, through its counsel, advises that it has no objection to the requested postponement. WTI's president advises that he objects to a postponement until March 26, 1985, because he will be out of town and unable to attend a hearing on that day. He would not object to a hearing date in April.

The postponement will be granted as requested. The public interest in resolving these applications as soon as the applicant is ready to go forward, */ especially in light of the desirability of resolution prior to the coming tourist season, outweighs WTI's interest in being afforded a later hearing date. The only contention Washington Tours, Inc., seeks to raise in this matter is that applicant's trade name -- Washington U.S. Tours -- is too similar to WTI's corporate name. Washington Tours, Inc., will have a fair and meaningful opportunity to air its side of this narrow issue by presenting evidence, if any is appropriate, through a witness or witnesses other than its president at the hearing, and/or by submitting argument on brief following the hearing.

*/ The hearing has already been postponed once before at the request of applicant's counsel. Order No. 2658, served February 1, 1985.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the public hearing in Case No. AP-85-01 and AP-85-02, scheduled to commence March 5, 1985, is hereby postponed to Tuesday, March 26, 1985, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Room 314, Washington, D.C. 20006.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Annette B. Garofalo".

ANNETTE B. GAROFALO
Acting Executive Director